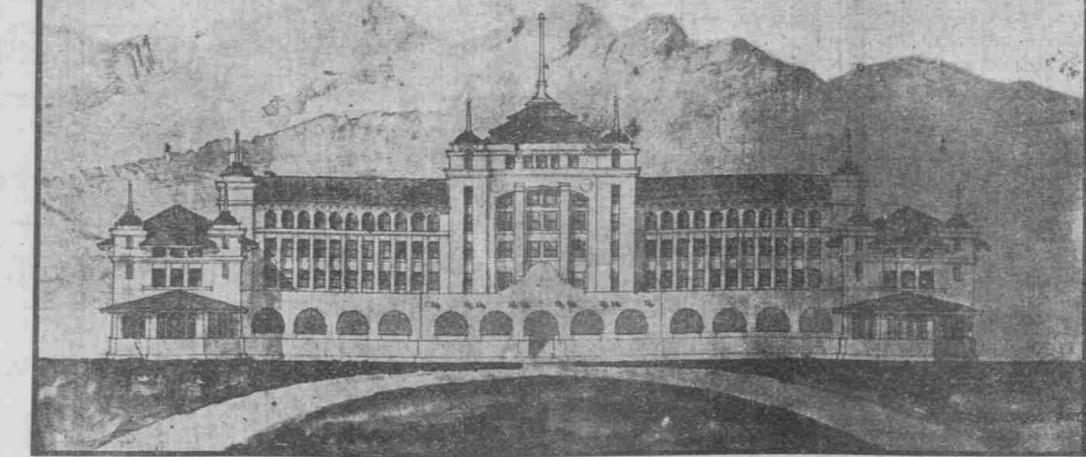


Resort Hotel, Which May Be Erected Near El Paso If Land Can Be Secured



The above is a photograph of the drawing for the resort hotel which it is proposed to erect at the foot of the Franklin mountains near the New Mexico line, north of El Paso. The hotel will be built, the promoters say, if they can secure the necessary land at what they consider a fair price. They have made arrangements to secure all the land needed except one tract which J. H. Nations controls.

El Paso Must Secure Site at Price Promoter Offers, or He Will Quit.

ONLY ONE TRACT BAR TO THE DEAL

If El Paso gets the \$1,000,000 winter resort on the north mesa, for which W. A. Fortner, of Chicago, is here to secure a site, it is up to the people of El Paso to obtain the land for Mr. Fortner's company at the price which he has offered for it.

This was the announcement of the committee which waited on J. H. Nations Tuesday afternoon in an effort to get him to sell the land on which he has a claim on the north mesa at \$5.50 per acre, the price offered by Mr. Fortner. Mr. Nations suggested to the representatives of the committee that if the people of El Paso wished the resort they could raise a bonus to cover the difference in what he considered the price of the land and that which Mr. Fortner had offered him. However, the representative of the Chicago company said Wednesday morning that he did not desire any bonus, as he had made a cash offer and that he did not wish to be under obligations to anyone as the result of a bonus being raised. Mr. Nations said that he did not care to discuss the matter for publication.

Mr. Fortner expects to leave for Chicago Thursday on the Golden State limited. His wife reports that the company which he represents the result of his effort to obtain the land. He says he will not make any further effort to secure the Nations' land and that his offer of \$5.50 per acre is the highest he will make. However, a number of the business men of El Paso have taken up the matter and are making an effort to secure the necessary land for Mr. Fortner's company at the price.

He held a conference with Z. T. White and H. B. Stevens Wednesday morning. The latter is the attorney in detail and Mr. Fortner was offered another site for the resort by Mr. White. He will present this to his Chicago company.

Will Be High Grade Resort.

The Mr. Franklin Trench club, which will be the main feature of the resort club, if the Mr. Franklin site is selected, will be conducted under the rules of the El Paso Country Club, a pleasure club. There will be no gambling allowed and there is no intention on the part of the promoters to make the resort anything but the highest class winter resort in the country.

To show good faith Mr. Fortner says the company which he represents will be willing to have the El Paso and club members on the board of directors in order that they may personally see that the club is conducted properly. Although no title will be sold, the promoters will be satisfied by the other members and that his financial rating is established by the rating agencies of the city. The promoters will cost \$100 and this entitles each purchaser to five years' membership in the club. The membership will be obtained from the exclusive men's clubs of Chicago, Kansas City, New York and St. Louis.

There is a holding company which has been organized in Chicago and Indiana to own the stock of the first \$300,000 shares of the company's stock and the remainder will be placed in the hands of the promoters who are expected to have a membership of 5000 in the Mr. Franklin club, although they will not all be sold. However, it is expected to entertain between 3000 and 4000 each winter season at the clubhouse here. The promoters have made for such a number.

Busy Season From Nov. 1 to April 1.

The ranch which is to be developed along similar lines to the Shelton ranch club in Colorado. The busy season will be from November to April, and during this time the operating company will have 200 or more employees including chefs, waiters, clerks, drivers, waiters, maids, caretakers and clerical staff. An eastern club manager is to be placed in charge of the operation of the club and will bring his entire staff to the south-west from the north at the close of the winter season.

Fifteen Mile Auto Speedway.

In addition to the hotel there will be a 15 mile auto speedway, a circular in form and upon which winter auto meetings may be held. There will also be extensive auto trails through the mountain trails and also trails for the horseback riders. The paved road to El Paso will connect with the city streets at Dyer street near the Country club and will permit the members to run into the city in less than an hour. Wells and windmills are to be arranged to furnish water and the contract for this work has been prepared and will be let as soon as the land is secured. Trees will be set out along the main and minor roads, beautified. A polo ground, golf course, tennis courts and other outdoor fields will be laid out. A private stable will be run in connection with the hotel, from which camping outfits may be procured for trips into the mountains. A private garage will be provided.

To Attract Wealthy Easterners.

The purpose of the club is to attract the wealthy business men of the east and middle west who now go to California. It is for this reason that the Rock Island is interested in the project. The hotel and resort accommodations will be such that men from the big cities may have all of the conveniences of their home club with the additional advantages of outdoor life in the southwest during the winter season. These men will regulate the policy of the club and will take an active interest in its affairs.

The plans for the resort hotel are being drawn by Frost & Frost in El Paso. It will cost approximately \$1,000,000, although this estimate may be raised before the contract is let. The hotel will be of concrete construction, covered with polished, four stories high, with red tile roof, and will be of Spanish architecture. There will be guest rooms on the second floor. The first floor will have a big lounge with fireplace, and an Italian room with a private dining room and a ball room on the first floor, with a private dining room and private dining rooms in connection. This dining room and ball room will measure 50 by 150 feet and will be finished in stucco, marble and hardwood finish.

Will Have Electric Plant.

The building will be formed in the shape of the letter "E" and will face a circular drive with a court in the rear. There will be a gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys and baths in the basement. The hotel will have its own electric plant and will furnish light for the entire grounds. The hotel will be as modern as the new Hotel Paso del Norte, architect H. C. Frost says, and will be equipped with every standard hotel convenience.

TROOPS MADE REBELS ESTREDA TAKE THE CASH

For Four Weeks Afterwards He Was in Chihuahua, Unmolested.

OFFICIALS KNEW OF HIS ACTION

After repeated postponements because of unforeseen matters, the extradition hearing of Augustin Estrada, wanted in Mexico on a robbery charge in connection with the mutiny of the Juárez Garrison, on Jan. 21 was resumed before Commissioner G. B. Oliver Wednesday morning.

After J. Solano, an El Paso merchant, was placed on the stand by the defense to identify the signatures on receipts which were given to pay the soldiers of the mutiny, Col. Estrada was placed on the stand and asked to tell the history of the mutiny in Juárez. He stated that he was in Juárez at the time and that he was not to this because he claimed that it was not material. His objection was overruled by the commissioner.

Estrada's testimony showed that he had acted in good faith with the federal government, although forced, as he asserted, to take funds from the customs house with which to pay the troops.

The Juárez Mutiny.

"Just before the changing of the guard on the ninth of January," the soldiers came to me at the mayor's office and said they did not recognize the government and cried 'Viva Zaragoza.' They freed the prisoners in jail and began to shoot in the air and loot the houses. Then they arrested me and took me to the guard house.

"On the next day they freed me to make me commander again, and I accepted it readily for my release. About a half a dozen officials each want a reward for the part they may take in transferring the mutiny to the American side and each has set his price at about \$500.

Smith, who is advanced in age, is complaining of being ill, suffering from fever.

To Look Into Cato's Case.

The case of A. J. Cato, the American from Clint, Texas, who is said to be in jail in Pearson, will be looked into by the Juárez authorities. It was an attempt to gain his release from jail will be made. Consul Thomas D. Edwards in Juarez has been notified by the state department to look up the case and gain Cato's release if possible.

Cato was arrested near Guadalupe many weeks ago by the rebels and was taken to Chihuahua and held in the Azules for several weeks. When the evacuation of the city took place they moved him up the North Western road with several other prisoners, who are now said to be in jail in Pearson.

REBELS WANTED FOR COUTO OF JUAREZ DROWNED IN COAL MINES

Large Reservoir on Verge of Breaking; One Town Under Four Feet of Water.

CONTESTS ARE BEING HELD IN COAL MINES

Unalton, Pa., July 24.—Forty miners were caught in a flood in the Superba coal mines at Evans Station, three miles from this city this afternoon. All are believed to have been drowned.

Torrents of water are entering the mine in two places, and it is believed the Good Spring reservoir, the largest in Fayette county, located in the mountains has broken. The Pennsylvania Railroad and West Pennsylvania trolley track have been washed away.

Little hope is entertained for the town of Evans. The wives and children of the miners are in danger of being carried into the mines as they refuse to leave the mouth of the slope. Rescue parties have been formed but at two o'clock they had been unable to reach any of them.

The business section of Dunbar, a few miles from Evans Station, is under four feet of water and several business buildings already have been destroyed by the rush of water down the mountain side. The debris is piled up high at a bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad and is expected to give way at any moment.

The town of Lemont, Youngstown, Mount Bradock and Dunbar, 25 feet high at a bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad and is expected to give way at any moment.

The dam which was swept away was known as the Tomahawk-Brook structure. The flood made inroads on the waterworks plant and cut off the city's water supply.

A large volume of water swept down the river from covering the streets near the river, and surrounding the city hall. Business is demoralized.

No loss of life has yet been reported. A report reached here that several farm houses were swept away by the report locks confirmation.

THREE BIG CHIEFS OF REBELS BELIEVED OROZCO MAY GO THURSDAY

Hold Conference to Discuss Plans.

GUARANTEE TO BE SUSPENDED

Mexico City, Mex., July 24.—As a result of an attack on a train between this city and Cuernavaca and other attacks in the south as well as in the north, it was unanimously decided at a cabinet meeting yesterday to ask the permanent commission of the chamber of deputies to enact a law suspending personal guarantees in several states. Included in the districts which the law will affect are the states of Chihuahua and Sonora, the northern part of the state of Durango and a part of Coahuila in the north, the states of Morelos and Guerrero and parts of Mexico, Puebla and Tlaxcala in the south.

The law will be similar to that which has previously been enacted and will amount to placing the disturbed portions of the country under martial law. This action has caused much comment and it is admitted by a high official that many acts of outlawry have taken place in the north and on the west coast which have surpassed anything made known to the public through the press.

It was also admitted that doubt is entertained as to the loyalty of several commanding officers of federal and state troops.

It was learned through railroad officials that practically every bridge between Gomez Palacio and Hidalgo a hundred miles east of Torreon on the Monterrey line, had been burned by the rebels. It was hoped to get a train through from this city to Torreon tomorrow.

In view of the turn which the revolution has taken in the south and the north, the department of war in conjunction with the president, has decided to work out a new plan of campaign. The army in the districts in which some of the rurales are being mustered out will be increased. It is expected that the chief military commander will be called to the capital for a conference.

WOMAN CRUSHED WHILE BOARDING A LAUNCH

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PROOF OF HISTORY DUG FROM BENEATH A MEXICAN CATHEDRAL

W. E. Barnes, traveling passenger and freight agent of the S. P. railroad with headquarters at Tucson, has written another interesting article for the El Paso Herald on the history of the early Aztecs of Mexico. It is illustrated with photographs of remains of these prehistoric people and will be a feature of the Big Week-End El Paso Herald this week—just one of the big features of the Week-End Herald.

How Uncle Sam Keeps Hotel

The government is running at Panama the biggest hotel system on earth. It buys its provisions at wholesale and furnishes the best of food at a reasonable cost. How the business is managed. See Frank G. Carpenter letter in the Big Week-End Herald—another of the big exclusive features.

Danger From Asiatic Plague In America.

Reve Bache contributes an interesting article on this most deadly of diseases—how it is contracted, how it can easily be spread and the dangers to the people of this country. This is another of the Week-End Herald features.

SENATE PROMISES BELIEF TO AMERICAN CLAIMANTS

Passes the Root Resolution Ordering an Investigation of the Claims of Americans Against Mexico and Congressman Smith Takes Up and Presses the Measure in the House.

Washington, D. C., July 24.—The senate this afternoon passed the amended resolution reported from the foreign relations committee by senator Root, which creates a commission under the war department to investigate all claims for damages by American citizens against Mexico.

It is the most important action yet taken looking toward a settlement of these claims.

The commission is to be composed of the inspector general and two other army officers, who are to have full authority to conduct a thorough investigation. They will report to congress.

The resolution now goes to the house, and congressman Smith, of Texas, who took the matter up immediately, is hopeful that it will be passed at an early date.

CONTESTS ARE BEING HELD IN COAL MINES

Congressman Turns Loose White House Guns Concerning Chicago Events.

SAYS CHARGES ARE VOID OF FOUNDATION

Washington, D. C., July 24.—Specific denials of the claims of the Roosevelt managers that their candidate had been improperly deprived of delegates in the Chicago convention in the contested cases brought either before the national or credentials committee, was made in a speech delivered by representative Mondell, of Wyoming, who was a member of the credentials committee. He characterized the contests as mere "bluffs" without a shade of substance.

Mr. Mondell presented a categorical review of the various contests, using data which it was understood later would be given out from the white house in an attempt to correct what the administration held to be a wrongful conception by the public of events in Chicago.

The speaker declared that Colonel Roosevelt and some of his supporters, in voicing charges of fraud had, by their vehemence and persistence, in a period of unrest and suspicion, "profundly influenced many good people."

New Mexico Refugee Bill Favored.

Senator Catron's bill to create the Pecca national game refuge in New Mexico was favorably reported today by the senate committee on forest reservations.

Appropriation Bill Passes Senate.

The senate civil appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$115,000,000 for the support of various bureaus and branches of the government, passed the senate today, by a vote of 75 to 15, authorized by \$6,000,000 over the appropriation authorized by the house. The difference between the two bodies will be adjusted in conference.

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Senator Percival, of Mississippi, in a speech against the remissions of tolls to American shipping. The measure then gave way to the senate civil appropriation bill, which has pushed it aside for several days.

The rest of this week, beginning Thursday is given over to tariff bills, and several other appropriation measures have still to be considered in the senate, with the prospects that they will delay action on the canal bill.

Percy Speaks Against Free Tolls.

"I do not believe we should give free tolls through the Panama canal to our shipping, either coastwise or international," said senator Percy, of Mississippi, in a speech yesterday in the senate.

He added that he did not believe the Hay-Panncote treaty with Great Britain, which gave the right to discriminate against foreign shipping in the interest of American commerce.

Senator Percy said the United States undoubtedly had made a hard bargain in the Hay-Panncote treaty, but that the sense of national responsibility should prevent this country from breaking its contract.

Mr. Percy said that Great Britain had given up certain rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and that without compensation.

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Trail Leading to Rosenthal Murderers Clearing Up; Vallon Implicates Rose.

MUCH HOPED FOR IN WIDOW'S TESTIMONY

New York, N. Y., July 24.—The trail that leads to the man who framed the plot to slay Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, is slowly clearing, and district attorney Whittam believes today he will be able to show that the "police system" and even those higher up were behind the plot to silence Rosenthal before he could make further gambling revelations.

From Harry Vallon, gambler and one of the occupants of the "murder car," the public prosecutor has learned further facts that implicate "Bald Jack" Hines, chief of police lieutenant Becker, and who hired the automobile that took the men to the scene of the shooting.

There were reports at the district attorney's office today that the public prosecutor had information that indicated that the gray automobile which figured so prominently in the Rosenthal case was used by the "murder car" and that the actual slayers of the gambler were concealed in the shadows of the hotel and at the killing mixed in the crowd. Aaron J. Levy, counsel for Shapiro and Libby, said his home had been entered last night and that he believed some one wanted to do him bodily injury, as there was no evidence that anything had been stolen.

Developments are expected to follow closely a conference at which Harry Vallon, the district attorney's informant who was in the "murder car" the night Rosenthal was shot, made a statement to deputy police commissioner Dougherty and district attorney Whittam. Vallon gave himself up yesterday and was held by the coroner without bail, for examination on a charge of complicity in the murder.

Apparently the authorities were elated at the information obtained from Vallon, although its nature was not divulged. All commissioner Dougherty's reports at the information obtained from Vallon, although its nature was not divulged. All commissioner Dougherty's reports at the information obtained from Vallon, although its nature was not divulged.

Mrs. Rosenthal is believed to have told the grand jury much about the meeting her husband had with police lieutenant Charles Becker, who according to Rosenthal, was his agent partner in his place.

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MOYER PRESIDES AT MINERS' MEET

Federation Votes Down the Minimum Wage Scale of \$4 a Day.

NEW COMIC OPERA PLAYED FIRST TIME ON OCEAN.

San Francisco, Cal., July 24.—Passengers on the steamer Wilhelm, which arrived in port today from Honolulu, were entertained by comic opera out on the bounding billows. Mrs. William Summers, of Denver, wrote the opera while sojourning in the Hawaiian Islands and expected to produce it in San Francisco. She told a couple women friends of her secret, and it soon became the principal topic of conversation aboard ship. Several stunts were planned and a company and the dramatic musical picture of the island beaches was given its charming to an audience of 100 passengers.